
CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Regular Meeting of the City Council
August 8, 2018– 7:00 P.M. – Council Chambers

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Julia Johnson at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Julia Johnson, Councilmembers: Jared Couch, Chuck Owen, Germaine Kornegay, Brenda Kinzer, Karl de Jong, Judith Dunn Lee and Pola Kelley. Staff: Recorder Brue, Finance Director Merriman, City Supervisor/Attorney Berg, Public Works Director Freiburger, Planning Director Coleman and Police Chief Tucker

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember de Jong moved to approve the agenda with the inclusion of the request from the Concrete Herald for the disaster preparedness supplement. Councilmember Kinzer seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Mayor Johnson acknowledged Concrete Mayor, Jason Miller and Sedro-Woolley School Superintendent, Phil Brockman in the audience.

Consent Calendar

- Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Finance
 - Claim Checks #188901 to #188986 in the amount of \$342,152.20
 - Payroll Checks #59630 to #59640 plus EFT's in the amount of \$329,473.74
- Professional Services Agreement No. 2018-PS-25 –Professional Landscape Architectural Design Services – Pacific Landscape Architecture LLC
- Possible Authorization to Advertise for Bids – W. Bennett, W. Nelson & Batey Sewer Extension Project
- Miscellaneous Grant Approval and Match Requirements
 - 2018 TIB Arterial Preservation Program
 - 2017 TIB Urban Sidewalk Program
 - TIB Urban Arterial Program
- Possible change Order 1 – Contract No. 2018-PW-01 – Fruitdale Road Arterial Improvements Project – Trico Companies LLC
- Possible Contract Award – Contract 2018-PW-03 – 2018 State Street Pavement and Utility Improvements Project – SRV Construction Company – Resolution 1000-18
- Landowner Agreement with Skagit Fisheries Enhancement
- 45-day Referral to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

- Resolution 1001-18 – Declaring certain property as surplus and authorizing its disposition

Councilmember Couch moved to approve the consent calendar items 1-10. Seconded by Councilmember Owen. Motion carried (7-0).

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

State Little League Tournament Recap – Mike Howard

Mike Howard -- President of the Sedro-Woolley Little League addressed the Council and thanked them for their support in the recent State Little League Tournament. He stated from the opening ceremonies to the last double play the city, Council and Mayor performed to the top of their ability. The tournament was a rousing success with many positive comments. He noted a letter was received from Little League National stating the tournament was voted the greatest tournament ever. He also cited the efforts of the players and visitors noting the team from West Seattle spent an afternoon volunteering at our local food bank. The sense of community was evident both by local citizens and visitors.

Several members of the Council commented on how impressed they were with the organization of the tournament.

Special Presentation – Skagit BAG BAND Wagon – Carol Sullivan

Carol Sullivan – a member of Skagit Bag BAND Wagon presented a very visual presentation and stated she grew up in the plastic age. In 1950, 2M tons of plastic was produced worldwide, in 2015, 448 M tons of plastic was produced. She spoke of the sharp increase in plastics in last decade, specifically addressing the common use throw away plastic bags, cups and straws, noting plastic is forever. She reviewed the three goals of the Bellingham ordinance model, how a bag ban works and its benefits and educating retailers and public. She also stated that future generations deserve us to be responsible and requested the Council consider an enactment of single use bag ban.

Staff Reports

Police Chief Tucker – reported on the recent National Night Out events. He noted one was held at Bingham Park Sunday night and the other in a neighborhood on Tuesday night. Both events were well attended. He also reported on a patrol car being hit in the Burger King parking lot with the subject being arrested for a suspected DUI. Assistance was given to the Burlington Police Department with a standoff that ended peacefully. Facebook updates and postings continue on events happening within the city. Chief Tucker announced the upcoming active shooter and reunification drill to be held at Cascade Middle School on August 30th. He then noted that Fire Chief Klinger was not in attendance at the meeting due to one of the part time firefighter being seriously injured in a motorcycle accident on the pass.

Planning Director Coleman – reported the Planning Commission will be reviewing the PRD Regulations at their August meeting as well as the Urban Village Mixed Use Regulations. A joint City Council/Planning Commission worksession will be held in September to go over the recommendations. Coleman noted the building department has been very busy. The annexation north of town is progressing and he reported on another annexation of city owned property adjacent to Union Cemetery known as the Riggles property.

Public Works Director Freiberger – referred to a memo regarding the public works projects. He noted he will be providing this report for each council meeting. He highlighted the progress on the Fruitdale Road project, the SR 20 Lane widening sidewalk project, the State Street overlay project and the West Bennett/Batey sewer project.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg – reported the injured firefighter was one of the residents and one of our part time firefighters. He requested council authorize the use of shared sick leave.

Councilmember de Jong moved to authorize shared sick leave for the injured firefighter. Seconded by Councilmember Couch. Motion carried (7-0).

Berg then presented an update on the EMS system. He noted the first meeting to plan the transition will be held tomorrow to work towards the January 1, 2019 start date. He also reported on the Library with plans currently at the 60% design. He noted the costs estimate is higher than expected with the next phase being to review and see what can be changed.

Discussion was held regarding both the library to look to see what elements might be able to be scaled back and the EMS regarding funding, hiring process and timing.

Finance Director Merriman -- noted it is budget season and he has been working on the budget calendar. The three main areas will be the budget, lodging tax advisory committee and property tax and utility rates. He noted the lodging tax requests have been sent out and are due on September 5th. He is also looking at publishing an RFQ for investment brokers.

Councilmember and Mayor's Reports

Councilmember Couch – thanked Councilmember Kornegay for moving to excuse him in leaving the last meeting due to a work related call out. He also thanked the Mayor for the letter she sent to the City of Kent extending sympathy on the loss of one of their police officers.

Councilmember Kornegay – clarified her question from the previous meeting regarding construction times. She noted she did not mean only road projects but all construction. A discussion ensued regarding construction times, exemptions and the process for changing.

Councilmember Kinzer – inquired if anything had been reviewed of her request regarding Northern Avenue.

Councilmember de Jong – commented on the free concerts at Riverfront Park and reported on a PUD tour he participated in at the Judy reservoir.

Councilmember Kelley – encouraged everyone to attend the Skagit Valley Fair and to stop by the Sedro-Woolley Chamber booth.

Mayor Johnson – announced the civil discourse seminar to be held at City Hall tomorrow evening and the upcoming suicide prevention training being held on Monday, August 13th. She reported Governor Inslee has declared all counties a state of emergency within the state due to the fires. Mayor Johnson invited all to join her for her coffee and conversation sessions being held at the Senior Center on August 20th and 27th beginning at 9 am.

Proclamations

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation declaring September, 2018 as National Recovery Month. The proclamation encouraged the citizens of Sedro-Woolley to observe the month with appropriate activities and ceremonies to support this year's Recovery Month theme, *Join the Voices for Recovery: Invest in Health, Home, Purpose, and Community*.

Public Comments

Mayor Johnson opened the public comment at 8:10 P.M.

Dorothy DeFremrey – 316 Garden of Eden Rd. – addressed changes in the recycling and requested an updated flyer.

Mayor Johnson closed the public comment at 8:12 P.M.

Public Hearings

Unfinished Business

New Business

Closing a portion of Talcott Street at Central Elementary School

Phil Brockman – Superintendent of Sedro-Woolley School District addressed the Council regarding the opportunity to close the street that runs between Central Elementary School and the school's playground. He cited safety concerns with the many students and appreciated support of the closures.

Some discussion was held regarding safety issues.

Councilmember Kelley moved to pass *[Resolution No. 1903-18] Closing a portion of Talcott Street. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer.

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg clarified the resolution extends the Talcott Street closure trial period for 1 year.

Motion carried (7-0).

* [Motion was stated as an ordinance with a resolution number assigned should be Resolution No. 1002-18. Corrected in minutes to reflect actual type of document being approved.]

Recycling & Garbage Rates

City Supervisor/Attorney Berg reviewed background information on the recycling and garbage rates. After advertising for RFP only one response was received from Waste Management. He addressed items within the proposed contract that could be problematic for the city such as a possible price increase every 90 days and steep fines for contamination. He also addressed the councils wish to have one single rate increase in January rather than multiple rate increases. Berg also addressed the County's rate increase on the garbage side.

Discussion ensued regarding the unknown of Waste Management, the volatility of the contract, pricing out of the recycling program, separated recycling and public comment.

Susan Goss -- 818 Sterling St., spoke on the option of separated recycling.

Councilmember Kornegay spoke on her trial recycling project during Loggerodeo, only about 1% not being acceptable recycling. She also addressed the possible purchase of used totes.

Councilmember de Jong expressed interest in having structured public comment on recycling.

Ambulance Fund

Councilmember Couch moved to approve *[Ordinance No. 1002-18] Reestablishing the Ambulance Service Fund. Seconded by Councilmember Kinzer. Council questions regarding funding mechanism were asked. Motion carried (7-0).

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Business License Updates

Finance Director Merriman reviewed recent legislation that mandates the City adopt the mandatory provisions of a new model business licensing ordinance no later than October 17, 2018. The purpose is to consolidate and make uniform from city to city. He stated while incorporating the mandated changes, it is a good time to look at other items the Council might like to address within the business license ordinance. Merriman requested any ideas that Council might wish to have considered.

An example was given of the mobile vending with further discussion to be held at the worksession in September.

Request from the Concrete Herald (added item)

Mayor Johnson introduced a request from Mayor Jason Miller of Concrete and the Concrete Herald. She noted a 16 page Disaster Preparedness Guide is scheduled to be inserted in the September issue of the Concrete Herald. An additional 5000 copies will be distributed to cities and towns. Mayor Miller requested Council consider a sponsorship towards the publication of \$100.

Jason Miller, Mayor of Concrete and owner of the Concrete Herald cited the need for the publication due to the lack of knowledge about what to do in a disaster. He noted the publication will focus on major disasters that could happen starting with flooding.

Councilmember Couch moved sponsor \$100 to the disaster preparedness guide. Seconded by Councilmember de Jong. Motion carried (7-0).

Information Only Items

- Building Permit and Planning Permit Review Status
- Report of Contracts Approved Under SWMC 2.104.060
- Historic Cemetery Preservation Capital Grant Program/Application

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Executive Session

The meeting was adjourned into executive session at 8:50 P.M. for approximately 10 minutes under RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) with possible action.

The meeting reconvened at 9:03 P.M.

Councilmember de Jong moved to adjourn. Seconded by all. Motion carried (7-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M.